

Introducing...



Freckle

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As part of Bewdley Primary's Covid catch-up plan, Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) have started using an exciting new online learning platform to help with maths skills, called Freckle! Freckle.com is accessible from PCs, mobile phones and tablets, so we're hoping that the majority of our students will be able to access Freckle at home.

There are two main parts to Freckle. For Year 4-6 they're called Practise and The Rucksack and on the Year 3 Freckle platform it is referred to as Maths and Teacher.

The Practise section is pupil led, allowing the children to choose the different areas of Maths they would like to work on. Freckle continuously adapts to each child's individual skills so questions given are targeted and allow children to make progress, as well as recap on prior learning, if necessary. Children are welcome to play on this as often as they would like.

The Rucksack is where the children can access work that has been set by their teacher. This could be for a variety of reasons: to consolidate the area of Maths being taught in lessons; to work on an area identified as needing improvement; or as follow up work to a booster session. The amount of work set by the teacher will therefore greatly vary depending on the individual needs of a child. Your child will be told if they have been set a specific task on Freckle and we will either text or email parents to let them know too.

Freckle allows teachers to closely monitor how children are progressing. We can see how long they are spending on the various activities, questions they are successful at, as well as those that may need extra support in school.

All of the children in Key Stage Two have had a go on Freckle in the last few weeks so know how it works. The feedback has been really positive, particularly as each question comes with options of support, from hearing the question aloud to having a handy hint. There is even the option to work out answers on screen although a paper and pencil will work equally as well!

Your child's login details are attached to this letter. If you have any questions please email Mrs Woodward at swoodward@bewdleyprimary.worcs.ch.uk.

This program is part of the ongoing home learning policy at Bewdley Primary. In addition to Freckle, we also encourage the regular use of Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars, as well as daily reading.

Research suggests that the long periods of remote learning over the last 18 months have generally had a negative impact on children's attitudes towards home learning. Because of this, we aim to make the work that we set easy to manage (for both parents and pupils!), and as engaging and as impactful as possible. We thank you in advance for your support in this area.

